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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

AT THE
SPECIAL SESSION

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to
February 7, 1970

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 5151, sub-§ 3, repealed and replaced. Subsection 3 of section 5151 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

3. Municipal year defined. The municipal fiscal year shall be as determined by the municipal officers.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 5251, amended. The last paragraph of section 5251 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed.

Sec. 4. P. L., 1969, C. 369, §§ 5 - 7, repealed. Sections 5 to 7 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1969 are repealed.

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 544

AN ACT Relating to State-owned Motor Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 7, repealed and replaced. Section 7 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 7. State-owned motor vehicles

The State may provide motor vehicles for the travel of state employees in a number to be determined by the Legislature. Each state department or commission head shall promulgate written policy concerning the use of state-owned motor vehicles, assigned to his department or commission, which shall include, but not be limited to, a definition of the use of state-owned motor vehicles which constitute use in the conduct of state business and which distinguishes such use from private use.

Any state employee or official who misuses a state-owned motor vehicle shall be liable for the actual costs of such use and in addition may be subjected to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension from employment.

All state-owned vehicles, except as otherwise provided, shall display special registration plates, approved by the Secretary of State, plainly designating them as state-owned motor vehicles. They may in addition display a marker or insignia, approved by the Secretary of State, plainly designating them as state-owned. Motor vehicles used by departments, commissions or agencies charged by law with law enforcement or investigatory functions, if used for those purposes by personnel who have full-time law enforcement or investigatory duties, shall not be required to display a special registration plate.

The Legislative Research Committee shall biennially study and review state motor vehicle needs and uses and shall report its findings to the Legislature. Department and agency heads shall justify the purchase of motor vehicles as part of request for appropriations before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This Act shall become effective July 1, 1970.

Effective July 1, 1970

Chapter 545

AN ACT Relating to Place of Hearings on Post-Conviction Cases.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 14, § 5505, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 5505 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The hearing on the motion or writ may be ordered held in any place open to the public in any county in the State.

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 546

AN ACT Relating to Grants and Interest-free Loans for Preliminary Planning of Pollution Abatement Facilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 38, § 412, repealed and replaced. Section 412 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 412. Grants and loans for preliminary planning

The commission is authorized to make grants to municipalities, quasi-municipal corporations, regional planning commissions and councils of governments, according to the following schedule, for their expenses incurred in preliminary planning of pollution abatement facilities and pollution abatement construction programs.

Where the population, according to the last decennial census of the United States, of the total area embraced by the preliminary planning is: